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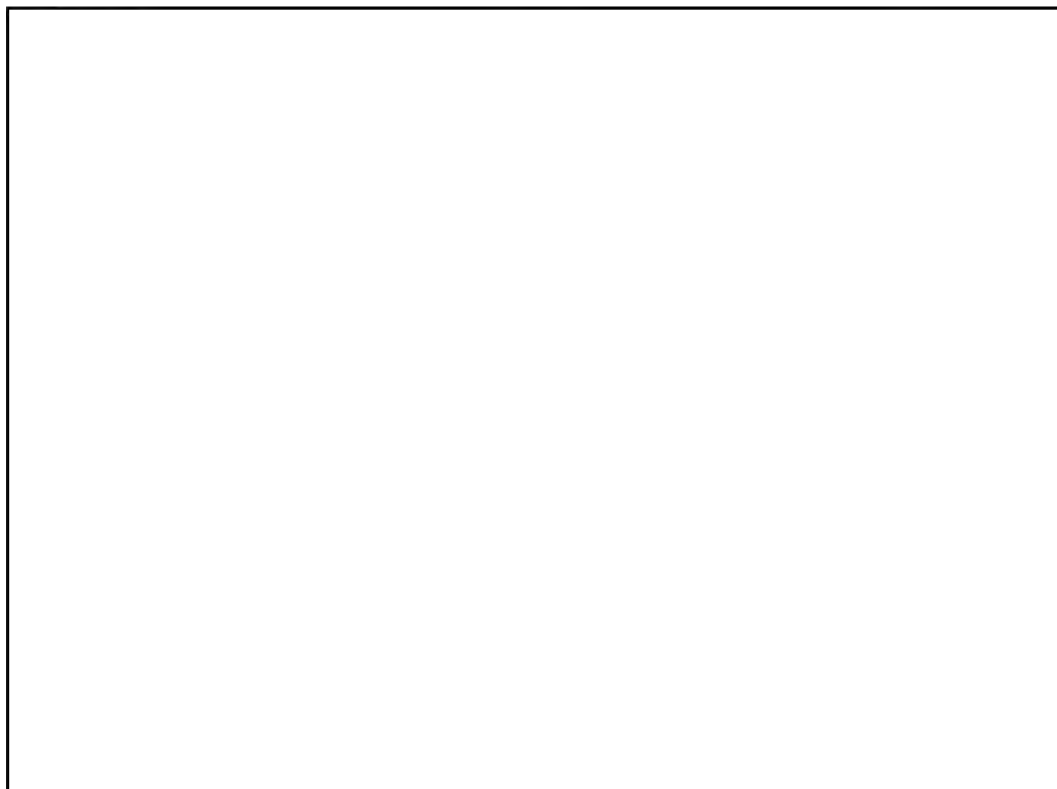
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MOROCCO: King Hassan remains confident that he can cope with his precarious political situation. In a conversation with the US ambassador, the first since the coup attempt of 16 August, Hassan accepted no responsibility for the situation that provoked the two military efforts to overthrow him. The King apparently does not believe that there was a foreign hand behind the two incidents, a story which he is himself advancing to distract his people from his failings. The King seemingly intends to try to lure the political parties into participating in parliamentary elections that he has promised early next year. Even if he succeeds in this, his penchant for autocratic rule would not allow him to turn over any significant authority, and his situation would not improve. Meanwhile, he is purging the army in an effort to remove further danger from that quarter. [REDACTED]

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